

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light of the following comments are respectfully requested.

In the office action mailed September 14, 2011, the Examiner required Applicants to elect between the following species:

Species A - Figure 1; and

Species B - Figures 2a and 2b.

Applicant hereby elects Species A, Figure 1, for the purposes of examination. The election is made without traverse.

Claims 19 - 24, 26 - 30 and 33 - 36 are generic and claim 25 reads on the elected species. Claims 31 and 32 read on the non-elected species.

An early action on the merits is requested.

Should the Examiner believe an amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response. Should the Director determine that a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,
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